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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/712,837	Applicant(s) STUDDIFORD ET AL.	
	Examiner Gwendolyn Baxter	Art Unit 3632	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 and 30-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 31-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 30 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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This is the sixth Office action for application serial number 09/712,837, Bicycle Accessory Mounting Apparatus, filed November 10, 2000.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: page 2 of applicant's response dated July 1, 2004 is not clear as to what is to be inserted at the beginning of the specification and there is not mention of the reissue continuation application. Therefore, this insertion should be deleted and a modified insertion should be provided. An example of the modified insertion is provided below.

More than one reissue application has been filed for the reissue Patent No. 5,833,188. The reissue applications are application numbers 09/712,837 (the present application), and 10/301,324, which is a continuation reissue of Patent No. 5,833,188.

- Please note:
1. This modified insertion is to be made at the first sentence of the each reissue specification.
 2. This modified insertion must be totally underlined. See 37 CFR 1.173.
 3. A supplemental declaration will be required to address this change.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

Claim 30 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 30 presented in the amendment filed July 1, 2004 is improper. Claim 30 must be totally underlined in accordance with 37 CFR 1.173.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 31-33, 34 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 31, line 1, "a first loop" should be changed to –the first loop; and line 2, "a second loop" has been changed to –the second loop-.

In claim 34, line 1, "a mounting base" should be changed to –the mounting base-.

In claim 35, line 2, "first and second objects" has been changed to –the first and second objects-.

Please note: Claim 31, 34 and 35 must be totally underlined in accordance with 37 CFR 1.173. Additionally, these modifications must be addressed in the supplemental declaration.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 30-35 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph and the objection of claim 30, set forth in this Office action.

Claims 1-20 are allowed.

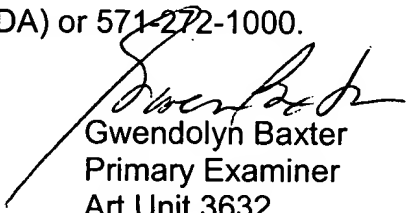
The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Applicant has submitted a terminal disclaimer filed March 15, 2004 overcoming the obviousness type double patenting rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gwendolyn Baxter whose telephone number is 571-272-6814. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Wednesday, 8:30am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's acting supervisor, Kimberly Wood can be reached on 571-272-6826. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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